

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 were pending in the application. Claims 1-3 and 10-15 are withdrawn by the Examiner as being drawn to non-elected species of the invention. Claims 4-9 are being examined.

Claim 4 is amended to include the limitations of claim 3 with the exception that 2-(4,5-diamino-1H-pyrazol-1-yl)-N,N,N-trimethylethanaminium chloride dihydrochloride is not included in the list of cationic derivatives.

Claims 5-9 are amended to change the recited language so as to conform to common US practice.

Support for the amendments to the claims may be found in the claims as originally filed. No new matter is added.

The specification is amended to include headings in compliance with USPTO guidelines. No new matter is added.

Claims Rejections 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 4-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Terranova et al. (WO 00/43367). The Examiner's rejection has been carefully considered.

Claims 4-9, as amended, recite an agent for the oxidative coloring of keratin fibers comprising at least one cationic 4,5-diaminopyrazole derivative selected from a list consisting of nine different derivative. Terranova et al. do not disclose any of the compounds recited in claim 4, as amended.

Applicant believes that claims 4-9, as amended, are not anticipated by Terranova et al. and respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 4-9 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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